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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NATO, PORG
SUBJECT: SPRING SCHEDULE OF NATO REGIONAL EXPERTS MEETINGS

REF: STATE 11770

1. AT THE JANUARY 24 POLADS MEETING, US REP DREW FULLY
ON REFTTEL ARGUING IN FAVOR OF ADHERING TO THE ORIGINAL
IS SCHEDULE FOR THE SPRING EXPERTS MEETING AND, IN
PARTICULAR HOLDING THE MEETING ON THE SOVIET UNION/EE
ON APRIL 11-14.

2. OTHER REPS STRONGLY FAVORED REVISING SCHEDULE AND
SOME INDICATED THAT HOLDING THE SOV/EE MEETING APRIL 11-14
WOULD POSE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR THEIR EXPERTS.
CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED SCHEDULING SOV/EE MEETING APRIL 4-6,
BUT THIS ALTERNATIVE ALSO POSED PROBLEMS FOR OTHERS.
SOME WANTED TO HOLD LATIN AMERICA MEETING 4/4-6 AND
EAST/SOUTH ASIA 4/11-13.

3. UPSHOT WAS RECOMMENDATION BY THE CHAIRMAN THAT POLADS
SEEK AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

2/21-23 AFRICA

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2/28-3/2 M.E. MAHGREB

3/7-10 SOVIET/EE

4/4-6 LATIN AMERICA

4/11-13 EAST/SOUTH ASIA

4. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE REGULAR EXPERTS MEETING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN BE HELD APRIL 18-21.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: AT THE JANUARY 31 MEETING, WE WILL TRY TO SWITCH THE DATES FOR THE SOV/EE AND E/SOUTH ASIA MEETING. HOWEVER, WE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IF THERE IS NO SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE SOV/EE MEETING APRIL 11-13.
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